

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

What is claimed is:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled):

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1, selected from:

5-[5,6-bis(methoxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({[4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methoxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(1R)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methoxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(1-methyl-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-6-yl)methyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile)
5-(6-(methoxy)-5-{{[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]oxy}-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl}-3-{{[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methoxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(2,5-difluorophenyl)methyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methoxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(2-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)methyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-(5-chloro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methoxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(2,6-difluorophenyl)methyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5-[(3-hydroxypropyl)oxy]-6-(methoxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy}-2-thiophene-carbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methoxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(3-bromo-4-pyridinyl)methyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methoxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(cyclohexylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
1-[5-cyano-4-{{[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy}-2-thienyl]-N-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-1H-benzimidazole-5-carboxamide

5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-((1 <i>R</i> )-1-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl)oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-phenylethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-(trifluoromethyl)oxy)phenyl]methyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-([2-(methyloxy)phenyl]methyl)oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[[2-(2-oxo-1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(tetrahydro-2-furanyl)methyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(tetrahydro-2 <i>H</i> -pyran-2-ylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{[2-(phenyloxy)ethyl]oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile}
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(1 <i>S</i> )-1-(2-chlorophenyl)butyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(3-thienylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-thienylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile <u>and</u>
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(1 <i>R</i> )-1-methylpropyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile

or a salt, ~~solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof.~~

Claims 11-18 (Cancelled):

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition, comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 10, or a salt, ~~, solvate, or a physiologically functional derivative thereof and one or more of pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents and excipients.~~